

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
September 24, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Pastor Bob Szoke, Impact Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Minchuck and Pettit were absent (Mr. Spann arrived during the meeting). All other members were present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:
None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher Approval for September 24, 2019. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2019. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mrs. Barron had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Minchuk had no reports.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mr. Pettit had no reports.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Uzelac reported that over the past couple of weekends people have been standing on Taft and Broadway collecting. When asked what the collection were for there was no response. Mrs. Uzelac informed that police have been notified. Police Chief Joe Petruch commented on the incident saying it's becoming a hit or miss and is mostly scamming. Both Mrs. Uzelac and Police Chief Petruch advise that people take precautions.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mrs. Barron reported that the Lake County Solid Waste now has someone managing the recycling facility the Town has. Lake County Solid Waste now offers mulch one tear \$15 cubic ft. the second tear for \$10 and the third tear \$5. Mr. Lake reported Ryan's Construction finished the Drainage Improvement Project on 83rd Indiana St, due to it becoming icy last winter. The streets will now be safer due to the improvements. Mr. Lake said Delta III finished all major draining improvements in the Lake Wood Estate Subdivision. Now residents are encouraged to put their sub pump discharge in draining areas provided. Finally Mr. Lake informed that Christopher Burke has completed all engineering for the Meadowdale Regional Retention Basins. The next steps are to discuss cost share. The next drainage project improvement will be located on 7327 E 97th Ave.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Pettit had no report.

UTILITY LIAISON:

Mr. Spann had no report.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES:

President Hardaway had no report.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING: (Discussion and Roll Call)

Ord. 19-24, (Discussion and Roll Call Vote)

An Ordinance of The Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana appropriating additional monies within the Fire Equipment/Cell Tower Operating Fund for the year 2019 not included in the current budget. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. LaMarca. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

Ord. 19-25, (Discussion and Roll Call Vote)

Be it ordained/resolved by the **Town of Merrillville** that for the expenses of **Merrillville Civil Town** for the year ending December 31, 2020 the sums herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of **Merrillville Civil Town**, the properly tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget From 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance. This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the **Town of Merrillville**. Mrs. LaMarca made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

SECOND READING:

Ordinance 19-21, (Discussion, Public Comment and Roll Call Vote)

An Ordinance of The Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana appropriating additional monies within the Fire Equipment/Cell Tower Operating Fund for the year 2019 not included in the current budget. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

Ordinance 19-22, (Discussion, Public Comment and Roll Call Vote)

An Ordinance of The Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana authorizing additional appropriations. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was public comment and discussion. Mr. Reardon read the ordinance for public clarification. The motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

Ordinance 19-23, (Discussion, Public Comment and Roll Call Vote)

An Ordinance establishing A “203 Fund-Motor Vehicle Highway Restricted Fund”, and all matters related thereto. Mr. Reardon read the ordinance. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 5-0 abstain roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

Res. 19- 39, (Discussion and Voice Vote)

BZA ACTIONS:

Petitioner: Michael Shannon
Owner: Michael Shannon
Request: Special Exception Approval
Purpose: To allow Chickens in a residential zoning district
Location: 2545 West 65th Avenue
Zoning: R-2 Residential Zoning
Case #: Z25E6-0719

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Mr. Spann made a motion to deny and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was some discussion. The motion was denied by a 4-1 voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board of Zoning and Appeals Meeting September 25 at 6:30 pm
Abandoned and Blighted Properties Meeting September 26 at 2:30 pm
Stormwater Management Board Meeting October 1 at 4:30 pm
Plan Commission Workshop October. 1 at 6:30 pm
Police Commission Meeting October 4 at 8:00 am
Town Council Meeting October 8 at 6:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Barron.

Richard Hardaway, President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer
